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Depressed Classes.—Persons belonging to depressed classes have been elected to the Hindupur, the Adoni, the Palacole, the Chirala and the Ootacamund Municipal Councils and to local boards in the Anantapur, the Bellary, the Chingleput, the Chittoor, the Coimbatore, the East Godavari, the West Godavari and the Nilgiri districts.

Compassionate grants to local boards.

* 1470 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the districts where the local boards are collecting land-cess at the maximum rate of 18 pies; and

(*b*) the local boards to which the Government are giving compassionate grants to balance the budgets?

A.—(*a*) Land cess is levied at the maximum rate of 18 pies in the rupee of land revenue throughout the districts of Bellary, Chingleput. Cuddapah, South Kanara, Kurnool, Malabar, the Nilgiris and Salem.

(*b*) (1) The Nilgiri District Board.
(2) The Kasaragod Taluk Board.
(3) The Puttur Taluk Board
(4) The Karkal Taluk Board.
(5) The Mangalore Taluk Board.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know, Sir, how long and for what consideration the Nilgiri District Board has been given compassionate grant?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"They are not able to meet their expenditure."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know how long it has been like that?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It has been so for the last ten years."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government will keep on supporting this district with funds?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That is so, Sir."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Alleged mismanagement of the Margabanduswami temple in Virinjipuram.

* 1471 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received sometime back a mahazar from prominent residents of Virinjipuram, North Arcot district, making several allegations of mismanagement against the dharmakartha of the famous Margabanduswami temple in that place;

(*b*) whether the memorialists urged the appointment of Mr. V. A. Doraiswami Mudaliyar of Virinjipuram as trustee in place of the existing trustee;